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REMARKS

The Examiner rejects independent claim 13 and dependent claims 14 and 16 - 19 as obvious over the Chen patent. The remaining claims have been allowed. Claim 13 has been amended to obviate the rejection.

The basis of the rejection is the connection between a D flip flop having a first input coupled to V_{DD} and a D flip flop having a first input coupled to ground. As amended, claim 13 does not contain either of these elements and is therefore allowable.

Each of claims 14 and 16-19 depend from claim 13 and are thus each allowable, at least by virtue of their dependence.

While not required by the Examiner, claim 13 has also been amended to remove the term "control" in "a flip flop control circuit" in order to more clearly identify the elements of the claims.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is solicited.

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